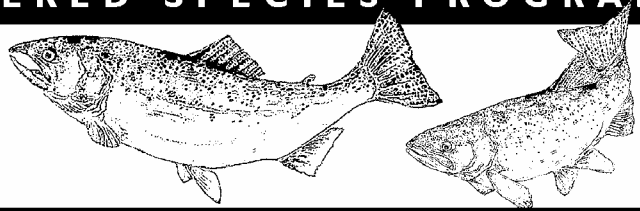
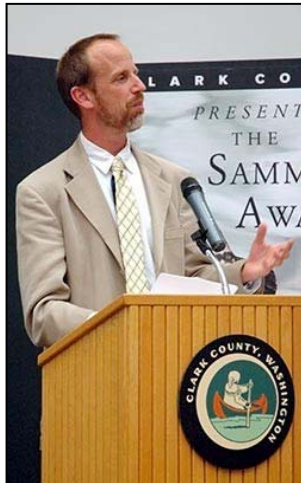


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Tel: (360)397-2022 • www.saveoursalmon.com**September 2007****Seventh Annual Sammy Awards**

Glenn Lamb, Executive Director for the Columbia Land Trust, was the keynote speaker at the Seventh Annual Clark County Sammy Awards held May 31 in the County Commissioners' Hearing Room. Mr. Lamb, along with Clark County Commissioners presented eight awards and one Certificate of Merit this year. The recipients are:



Glenn Lamb

Richard Doi

From almost the moment Richard Doi arrived in Clark County several years ago, he became a very active member of volunteer organizations such as Fish First and Friends of the East Fork. As Treasurer for Fish First Richard secures grants, manages relationships with construction companies and manages cash flow. His volunteer efforts don't stop in the office. Richard worked very closely on the 2006 Swanson Side Channel project, manages Fish First's nursery, and is the primary contact with the Americorp teams that assist on many projects. He has lectured at the Watershed Stewardship Training Classes, trained Americorp personnel on habitat restoration techniques, and sets up a booth at the Hewlett-Packard Earth Day summit each year. Richard Doi's well-rounded salmon recovery efforts make him a clear choice for a Sammy Award.

Ellen Leigh

The land owned by Ellen Leigh looks much the same as most lands that have been in agricultural use for the last 70 years. After years of grazing along Lockwood Creek, stream conditions were not exactly what fish were looking for. Wanting to correct the problem, Ellen Leigh and her property manager, Jim Maxwell, began working with Clark Public Utilities' StreamTeam program to develop a plan to improve salmon habitat on her property.

With help from AmeriCorps volunteers, the Department of Natural Resources and others over 17,000 trees were planted on 20 acres along 3100 lineal feet of stream. Also, with technical assistance from the Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group and construction by Mike Watters Excavation over 240 pieces of large woody debris were placed to provide channel structure, stability and habitat complexity. Thanks to Ellen Leigh the improved habitat on Lockwood Creek will welcome Coho and Steelhead as they return to Clark County for generations to come.

Les Greear

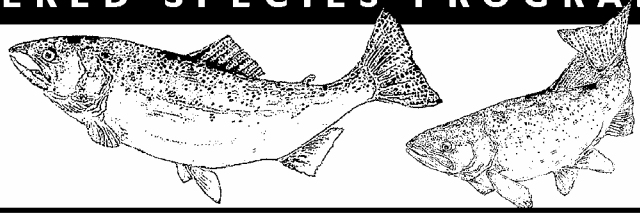
Even though he has retired from his career as a principal and teacher, Les Greear is still teaching and his lessons will ensure that a future generation learns salmon awareness. A long-time member of Fish First, Les Greear was instrumental in bringing the Woodland-based program to Ridgefield. He helped obtain an egg box at Ridgefield High School several years ago, and has been returning each year to help educate the students. He also teaches students about maintenance of the egg box, releasing them into Gee Creek, and the importance of placing salmon carcasses into the creek. Les also mentors students for Ridgefield High School's Senior Project Program. Mr. Greear has been an excellent role model for salmon restoration by providing unique opportunities for students to learn from the information he has generously shared. Now, because of Les Greear, the students learn it, and will hopefully live it, and pass it on for many years to come.

Richard Kennon

Richard Kennon is involved in just about every salmon recovery organization in Clark County. The Native Fish Society, the Lower Columbia River Fish Enhancement Group, Friends of the East Fork, Washington Conservation Voters, and the Sierra Club are just a few of these organizations. With e-mail and telephone being his tools of choice much of his volunteer time is spent doing behind-the-scenes research and communication efforts. Richard Kennon works hard to understand legislation that might affect those working for

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salmon recovery in Clark County. He believes cooperation amongst the various fish agencies and volunteer groups is very important to restoring the native salmon he loves. While Richard Kennon performs the work of an unsung hero for these organizations it is clear to see his passion for salmon recovery in the Northwest.

Caleb Ogier

When Caleb Ogier went to the Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center looking for an Eagle Scout project he was looking for more than a project—he was looking for his passion. He found it in a restoration project at Woods Landing, one of the last Chum salmon spawning sites along the Lower Columbia River. Caleb organized work parties to remove debris and non-native plants from the site via a pulley system so as to not disturb the steep slope. Caleb and his volunteers also used logs from the site to build a natural retaining wall and installed biodegradable erosion matting. Even though Caleb has received his Eagle Scout award, his passion for the Woods Landing project continues as he works with City of Vancouver planners to obtain a permit for the construction of a permanent observation deck. Columbia Land Trust appointed Caleb as the Volunteer Land Steward for the site. As the youngest individual to receive a Sammy Award—we sincerely hope that others can be inspired by Caleb's passion.

Michael Clapp

As a seventh grade science teacher for CAM Junior High in Battle Ground Michael Clapp began conducting water quality and macroinvertebrates studies in the East Fork Lewis River. What began as a lesson of local resources for his students resulted in a comprehensive macroinvertebrate guide and innovative website being used by students, agencies and professionals all over the country. Michael Clapp is not a water quality expert but wanted his students to understand and make a connection to the living organisms in their local waterways. Once he started taking pictures and documenting information Michael felt compelled to share this information as a resource for others. His unique one-page guide is used by watershed

specialists and volunteers and his website has been added to the list of resources on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's biomonitoring website. Michael Clapp's enthusiasm and knowledge ensures that everyone he works with comes away with a better understanding of water quality, macroinvertebrates and the role they play in healthy streams for salmon.

Ivan and Gayla Rayworth

Ivan and Gayla Rayworth have lived on their Salmon Creek farm for over 30 years. It is where they raised their children, farmed and grazed cattle. Now, it is where they hope to help bring salmon back to Salmon Creek. The Rayworths teamed up with Clark Public Utilities StreamTeam to restore 1500 lineal feet of Salmon Creek that runs along their property. This very involved project included plantings of 9,000 native trees and adding large woody debris jams to protect eroding banks. Ivan, a watershed steward, had originally inquired about the possibility of creating a small buffer to better



Ivan & Gayla Rayworth

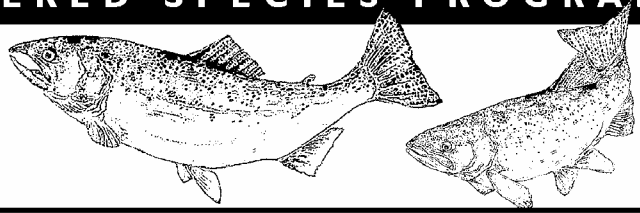
protect the creek. The project ultimately grew to an impressive size of 11 acres including a 160-foot buffer. The Rayworth's property sits prominently on 142nd Avenue and they hope it has the potential to inspire awareness in landowners along Salmon Creek and other citizens to make a difference where they can. Thanks to the Rayworths ongoing commitment and resolve many acres of prime floodplain and riparian area in the heart of the Salmon Creek watershed have been restored as a fish haven.

Wilson Cady

As Union Environmental Representative for the Georgia Pacific Mill in Camas it is difficult to tell

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where Wilson Cady's professional life stops and his personal life starts. He is a dedicated volunteer and contributes to many environmental efforts in Clark County. Wilson has volunteered on several Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership restoration projects including LaCamas Creek, Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge, the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Gee Creek, and Lake River. He has also made sure that native plants are donated to these projects through his work at Georgia Pacific where he established a native plant nursery on Lady Island. Wilson lends his expertise of native plants and riparian wildlife to help with restoration projects and has been known to round up volunteers for planting events. He also volunteers many hours in the area of environmental education for students and Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups. Wilson Cady's renaissance approach to environmental stewardship is sure to breed a future generation committed to caring for and restoring habitat in Clark County.

A Certificate of Merit was awarded to Georgia Pacific Mill in Camas for their contributions to habitat restoration projects throughout Clark County.

Native Plant Communities Guide

In July 2006 the Clark County Commissioners adopted a revised version of the Habitat Conservation Ordinance. The changes to the existing ordinance were necessary to meet state requirements under the Growth Management Act. One of the revisions is a recommendation to use native plants where appropriate when planting within habitat areas. The "Native Plant Communities Guide" was developed to help people understand why native plants are important, how to successfully develop a landscaping plan, how to choose appropriate plants, and how to properly plant and care for them over time.



This newsletter contains a brochure titled "Planting Guide for Native Plants". It outlines some of the most important information found in the larger and more extensive "Native Plant Communities Guide" that is available on the internet at Clark County's website.

If you have any questions about this material or are interested in learning more about the topic please visit the websites listed in each of the documents or call John Tyler at the ESA Program at (360) 397-2022 x-2.

Arrrrr! T'was Mighty Fun at the Fairgrounds Matey

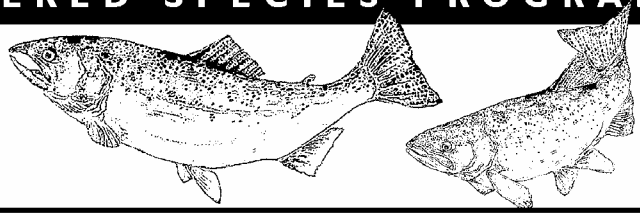
The pirate-themed 2007 Clark County Fair provided the ESA staff with an opportunity to practice one of our favorite pastimes—talking like pirates. As Joel Rupley said, "Shiver me timbers! Those dairy lasses make a jolly grand peach milkshake!" Fortunately, the language barrier didn't stop fairgoers from visiting the ESA Booth and over a hundred contacts were made each day of the 10-day fair. Children enjoyed playing the salmon-saving computer game or coloring fish fans while adults asked questions and perused brochures. A special thank you to the other 'landlubbers' helping with our fair booth: Glenn Lebsack, Kaitlin New, Amanda Clark, Jim Mansfield, Vicki Thompson, Katie Rupley, Kyle and Cameron McAnally, Chelsea Taylor and Commissioner Marc Boldt.

(Editor's note: official Talk Like a Pirate Day is September 19)

ESA Program update

The Agricultural Guidelines that provide the details to the Agriculture/Habitat Protection Plans outlined in the Habitat Conservation Ordinance have been completed. They were adopted by the county commissioners on July 10th. The guidelines were developed by a committee of citizens and stakeholders, vetted with interest groups, and discussed at two public hearings. Thanks to all who participated in their development. Now implementation begins. In order for the guidelines to be effective, people need to know about them and how to use them. Ag-techs, the volunteers that

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assist those preparing plans, need to be recruited and trained. In all of this, the ESA Program is working with the Clark Conservation District to get these guidelines on the ground and working. There will be more about how to become involved in later newsletters.

The ESA Program continues working on county ordinances to make them fish friendly. Now it's the Stormwater/Erosion Control Ordinance. Because of an update to the county's stormwater discharge permit issued by the state Department of Ecology, the ordinance is being reviewed and re-written. It's a great opportunity to make sure any stormwater impacts on salmon and their habitat are kept to a minimum.

Our education and outreach programs have been very successful this year. As you can tell from other articles, both the Sammy's and our booth at the county fair were hits. Thanks to Joni McAnally for her organizing skills in putting these events together. Thanks, too, to John Tyler for his work on the Native Plants Guide that is included in this newsletter.

Finally, the ESA Program continues to work on implementation of the Regional Salmon Recovery Plan and the watershed plans for the streams in our county (WRIA's 27 and 28). Clark County has a series of actions described in those plans and the program has been charged with ensuring they are accomplished. It's a big job, but we're getting lots of cooperation from citizens and county staff. That makes it a rewarding job as well.

Joel Rupley, ESA Program Coordinator

Calendar Highlights

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

For meeting information, contact the LCFRB at (360)425-1555 or visit www.LCFRB.gen.wa.us

Community Share Fair

10am-2pm, Saturday, September 15
Clark Public Utilities, 8600 NE 117th Avenue
(360)397-6118, x. 4016;
www.sharefair.clark.wa.gov

Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics & Block Foam collection event

9am-1pm, Saturday, October 6, Clark County
Public Works Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th ST
(360)397-6118, x. 4352

StreamTeam Saving Trees for Salmon

8:45am-1pm, Saturday, September 15

Tree Planting Season Fall Kickoff

October 6

National Make a Difference Day

StreamTeam Tree Planting

October 27

Clark Public Utilities StreamTeam

(360)992-8585; StreamTeam@clarkpud.com

Stewardship Saturday

9am-noon, Second Saturday of the month

Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center

12208 SE Evergreen Hwy., (360)882-0936;

www.columbiasprings.org

Build a Rain Barrel Workshop

6:30pm, Wednesday, September 12

CASEE Center, 11104 NE 149th St, Brush Prairie
\$35

Become a Watershed Steward

10 week course beginning September 18

CASEE Center, 11104 NE 149th St, Brush Prairie

WSU Extension (360)397-6060 Ext. 0;

<http://clark.wsu.edu/volunteer/ws/index.html>

From the Quote Box

"UNLESS someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get
better.

It's not."

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax



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